

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today the House of Representatives voted to pass legislation ([H.R. 1230](#)) that would grant oil companies access to more off-shore drilling leases without proper environmental review. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, voted against the measure and released the following statement:

“Working families all across America are paying the price for record high gasoline prices. ☐ In California, we are paying more than four dollars for a gallon of gas. Americans need relief at the pump, not another ‘drill baby drill’ plan. ☐ We cannot continue providing billions in tax subsidies to big oil companies that are making record profits. ☐ Our nation needs a fiscally responsible energy plan that closes tax loopholes for big oil companies and moves us toward a clean energy, independent future.”